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In re Patent Application of:

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Application No.: 09/267,963

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For: PROTEINS HAVING SERINE/THREONINE

KINASE DOMAINS, CORRESPONDING NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES, AND THEIR

USE.

Group Art Unit: N/A

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is further to the response filed in this application on February 14, 2001. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please eancel claims 1-28 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims.

- 29. (New) A method for determining if a substance inhibits binding of TGF-β to Alk-1 comprising contacting a cell that expresses an Alk-1 with said substance in the presence of TGF-β and determining if said substance inhibits binding of TGF-β to Alk-1.
- 30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said substance is an antibody that binds to TGF-β.